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In re the Application of: **Loscalzo et al**

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Provisional Response to Restriction Requirement

I. Introductory Comments

This response is submitted in reply to the Restriction Requirement dated March 23, 2006, for which a response is due on or before April 24, 2006 (the first business day after April 23, 2006).

No fee is believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0219 to maintain the pendency of the present application.

II. Provisional Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants provisionally elect the Examiner's Group I, with traverse.

III. Conclusion

An early and favorable consideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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